Joint FWG, LUWG, HWGIT Meeting -
December 2nd, 2024

An Overview of the New Management Board Assignments

For the purpose of reviewing the Outcome Assessment and Priority Project requests from the November NCTC Management Board Retreat

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Outcome Assessment Assignment

The "Big Question" Assignment:

What advice do you have for the Management Board on how to consolidate, reduce, update, remove, replace or add new outcomes within your GIT?

Guidelines: You do not have to answer all these questions, but the first two are necessary.

1. In reviewing your outcome, provide advice to the Management Board on whether "to consolidate, reduce, update, remove, replace or add new outcomes".
   a. Don't need to provide updated Outcome language at this point in the process.
   b. If consolidation is recommended, which outcome(s) do you advise combining with?
   c. Should the outcome be moved or restructured?

2. Consider if the Outcome is SMART, and specifically, whether the current outcome meets the definition of an outcome, as described in the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement ("Agreement"), or if that outcome is an output or indicator.
   a. Review ERG's Beyond 2025 Report for existing assessment of **S**pecific, **M**easurement, and **T**imebound.
   b. Consider the Secret Sauce

3. Consider the challenges to and opportunities for achieving the outcome. You are encouraged to leverage past documentation and learnings from the Strategy Review System process, as well as Charting a Course to 2025 report and Beyond 2025 Small Group recommendations as they pertain to the outcome.

4. Consider how the outcome relates or could relate to the Bay Agreement mission, vision, and themes/pillars

EXERPT FROM THE DRAFT EC CHARGE:

Therefore, let it be resolved that we, the Chesapeake Executive Council, in recognition of the consensus-based work of the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee, guided by the findings of their "A Critical Path Forward for the Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership Beyond 2025" report and our continued commitment to meet the goals of the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, hereby direct the Principals' Staff Committee to complete the following by **December 31, 2025:**

1. Revisions to the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, not a new Agreement. **Revisions to outcomes** should be executed pursuant to the Governance and Management Framework for the Chesapeake Bay Program. While not all outcomes will need revision, some **reviews will likely result in consolidating, reducing, updating, removing, replacing, or adding new outcomes.**

Proposed revisions should be considered as they are being reviewed, with every effort to complete most reviews and revisions by the end of calendar year 2025. Furthermore, it is the intent of the Chesapeake Executive Council, **that these changes reflect:**

Why an Outcome Assessment?

- o A renewed and greater emphasis on **engaging all communities** of the watershed as active stewards of a healthy and resilient Chesapeake Bay and its watershed;

- o Our mandate to address water quality **and living resources** throughout the Bay and watershed;

- o **Elevating conservation** as a key pillar of the Chesapeake Bay Program, alongside science, restoration, and partnership;

- o A grounding in the most recent scientific understandings and issues that have emerged since the current Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement was signed in 2014;

- o Goals and outcomes that are **measurable and time bound**. Time frames should be sufficient to accomplish the outcomes as quickly as possible. In particular, our regulated nutrient and sediment load reductions, especially those within non-point sources;

- o Acknowledgement that our scientific understanding is continuously evolving and that our efforts need to constantly adapt accordingly; and

- o The fact that while each partner shares a common goal, we are all approaching this goal from different perspectives, challenges, and opportunities.

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Priority Projects List Assignment

LANGUAGE FROM MANAGEMENT BOARD EMAIL COMMUNICATION (11/21/24)

The Beyond 2025 Steering Committee identified a series of recommendations for improving the Chesapeake Bay Program's efforts in the areas of Science, Conservation and Restoration, and Partnership in its final report. These recommendations captured themes that emerged through the small group findings, the ERG evaluation, and Steering Committee discussion and merit further exploration by the partnership.

Why create a Priority Projects List?

To ensure that these recommendations are carried forward and contribute to the partnership's long-term goals, the Management Board is requesting that they be broken down into discrete projects that will be considered and potentially assigned to goal Teams and workgroups. Identification of a timeline and deliverables for each project will allow for consistent review and enable the MB to guide resources towards the most urgent and impactful activities during this critical period.

The Priority Project List Assignment:

What projects do you want the Management Board to prioritize from the Beyond 2025 Steering Committee Recommendations?

Guidelines:

- **Goals teams are asked to coordinate with workgroups and other associated partnership bodies to submit "priority assignment" descriptions** to the MB by January 3rd, 2025, for consideration and discussion at the January 16th meeting.

- These submissions should **describe forward-looking actions that the goals teams/workgroups have identified from the phase 1 report, small group recommendations, or other partnership reports (e.g., the Charting a Course to 2025 Report) as priorities for advancing their focus areas and which they are willing to lead over the coming year and beyond**. Currently, no new resources have been slated for these efforts.

- Entries submitted by this deadline will be regarded as a draft list, with the understanding that additional activities will be identified over time and the full list will be reviewed iteratively.

- At its December 12th meeting, the MB will initiate discussion on a framework and process for reviewing and managing this work with the goal teams into the future. If you have recently started on any of the recommendations that were part of Phase 1, please include them so we have accurate tracking/visibility of them.
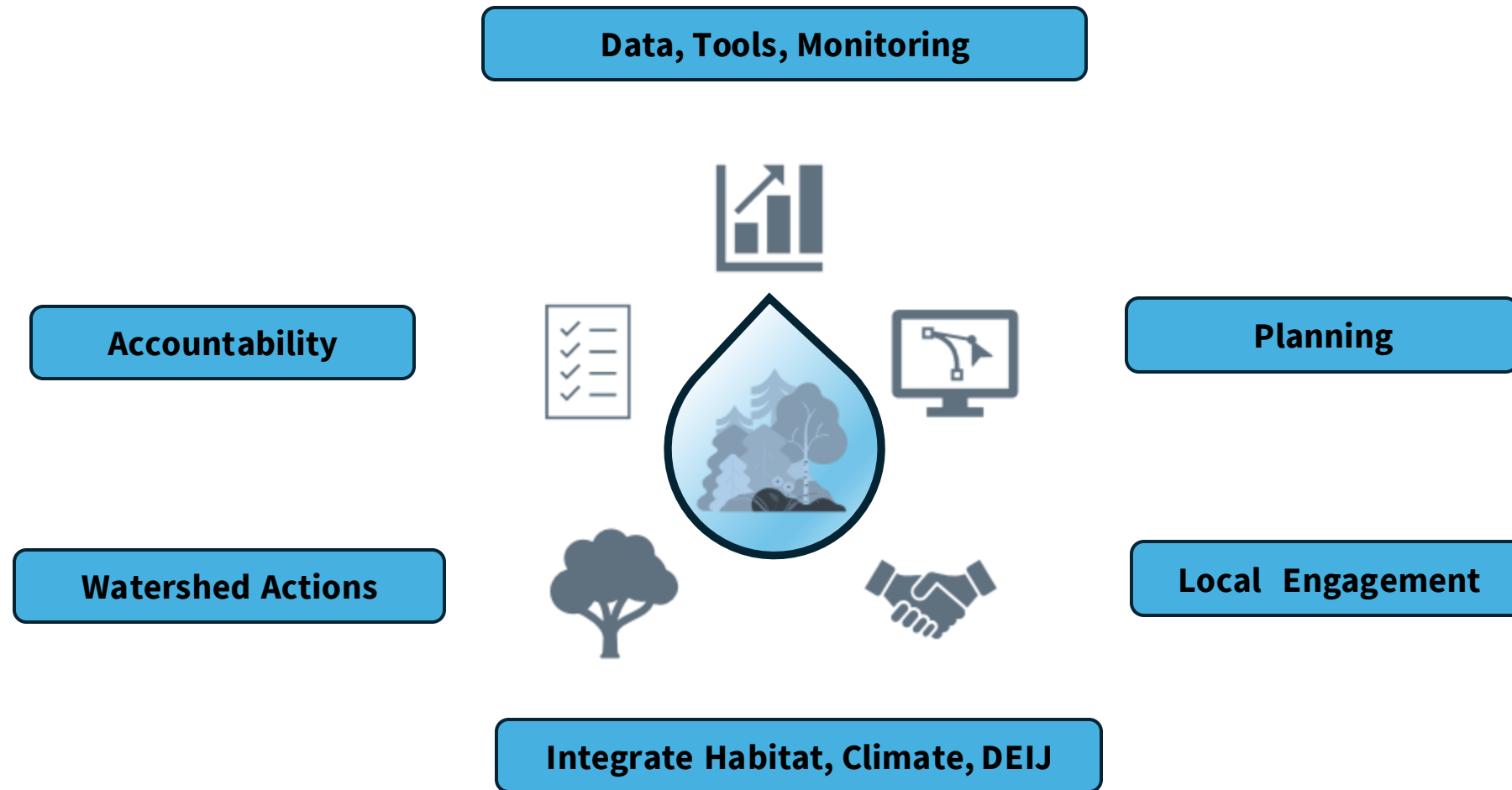
HWGIT Recommendations

1. **Data, Tools and Monitoring:**
   - Provide **consistent and integrated watershed-wide characterization and monitoring of stream and watershed health** and land conservation efforts.
   - Provide science, data, and tools to target and prioritize land conservation and stream restoration at multiple scales.

2. **Planning:**
   - Provide science, data, models, and tools to enable **green infrastructure planning** (e.g., forests, farms, and open space as well as GSI) to protect watershed health at multiple scales.

3. **Local Engagement and Capacity:**
   - Create and support a **network of networks** enabling two-way communication with local and NGO implementers to share needs, information, and data and to improve the functionality and utility of tools.

4. **Watershed Actions:**
   - **Integrate land conservation, management, and stewardship more explicitly** into the goals of the Bay Program

5. **Measure Watershed Outcomes:**
   - **Quantify ecosystem services** and integrate them into restoration and conservation decision processes.

Priority List Example: *Ecosystem Services Project*

- Bay-wide comprehensive ecosystem services assessment
- Quantify and monetize multiple ES benefits (e.g. water quality, water supply, flood control/hazards, wildlife habitat, recreation, carbon sequestration, etc.)
- Map benefits down to parcel or per acre scale
- Assess benefits for intact portions of the landscape
- Provide common framework to estimate benefits for BMPs
- Use ES benefits in local decision-making and tracking progress
- Supports most current outcomes and GITs – key research need

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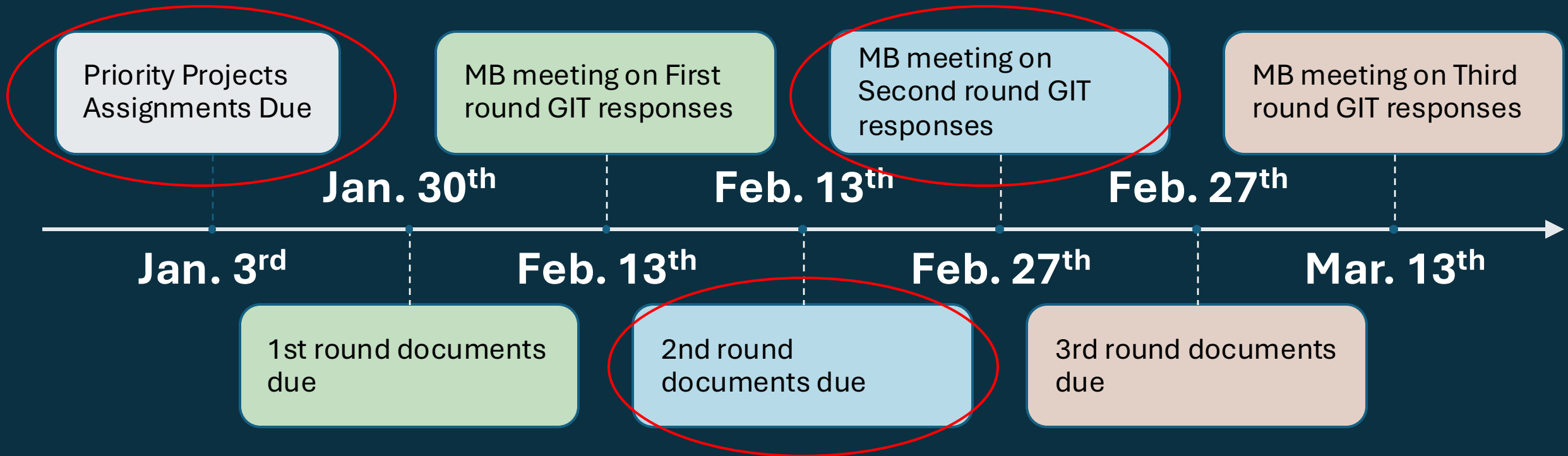
Continued Management Board Process and Timeline

April 10, 2025	Continued discussion to consolidate, reduce, update, remove, replace or add new outcomes. Outcomes identified as being kept or combined are assigned to workgroups for rewriting
May 7-8, 2025	Finalize outcome assessment/evaluation
May 2025	• PSC Check in on Draft List of Outcomes. Share approach for structure development and governance review • Advisory Committee Presentation – all together
June 12, 2025	Work through any PSC feedback on outcomes. Prepare final outcome list for public sharing
July 1, 2025	Discussion of overall Partnership Structure. Includes all partnership Goal Teams/workgroups/action teams
August 14, 2025	Continue Grouping /Structure Development/ Governance
August 2025	PSC Check-in Grouping /Structure Development/ Governance
September 11, 2025	Continue work on Structure/ Governance and draft list of outcomes
October 9, 2025	Finalize outcomes and Complete Draft of New Structure
October 2025	Presentation of Final Draft to PSC
November 2025	Preparation of Final Package Based on PSC feedback